

IMPROVEMENT  
IS REPORTED IN  
FLOOD SECTION

Army Engineers Say That  
Levees Are Now in Bet-  
ter Condition.

THE CHIEF WORK NOW IS IN  
RESCUING MAROONED PERSONS  
IN THE OVERFLOWED SECTIONS  
—GOV. SANDERS WIRE A CURT  
REPLY TO A NEW YORKER WHO  
WANTED TO KNOW WHY NE-  
GROES ARE FORCED TO WORK.

FIFTEEN THOUSAND PERSONS  
MUST FLEE AT ONCE

By Associated Press.  
New Roads, La., May 9.—A sand-  
hole developed late today in the  
Irwinville levee, on the Mississippi  
six miles from here. Lieutenant  
Weeks, in charge of the rescue  
corps here, warned the people they  
must get out at once.

There are approximately fifteen  
thousand persons in the New Roads  
district. Cook's Landing, a short  
distance south, has been designat-  
ed as the point of concentration.

RESCUING MAROONED PERSONS  
FROM OVERFLOWED SECTIONS

Washington, May 9.—Cold official  
facts in reports of army engineer  
officers, free from influence or local  
excitement, say that conditions have  
slightly improved in the last twenty-  
four hours in the flooded districts in  
the Mississippi valley. Major Sherrill,  
of New Orleans, reports the levees for  
fifty miles south of that city as im-  
proved, and the levee at Melville is  
being held. Conditions are bad in the  
neighborhood of Plaquemine.

GOV. SANDERS GIVES NEW  
YORKER A SHORT REPLY

Baton Rouge, La., May 9.—"All ab-  
solved men in refuge camps, regard-  
less of color, are given the option of  
working and eating or doing neither,"  
said Gov. J. Y. Sanders, who quit  
work on the levees today long enough  
to write a telegram to Oswald Gar-  
rison Villard, of New York city,  
chairman of the executive committee  
of the National Association for the  
Advancement of Colored People, in  
Louisiana were being forced to  
work repairing levees.

MORE OF TORRAS LEVEE  
IS CARRIED AWAY

New Roads, La., May 9.—By tearing  
away 1,400 feet of the south end of  
the Torras crevasse, a wall of water  
from 8 to 10 feet deep and half a mile  
in width is today bearing down upon  
the already overflowed area of Pointe  
Coupée, St. Landry and several other  
parishes to complete its work of ruin  
begun a week ago. By tomorrow  
Saturday the gap will probably be a  
mile across.

New Roads, heretofore considered  
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HOUSE CREATES  
STIR IN ACTION  
ON MEASURES

Revolutionary Proposals are  
Adopted in Considering  
Some Bills.

WILL ABOLISH THE COMMERCE  
COURT AND RESTORE ALL  
POWERS OF REGULATING RAIL-  
ROADS TO THE INTERSTATE  
COMMERCE COMMISSION—NEW  
BUREAUS ARE CREATED AND  
THEIR POWERS ARE DEFINED.

ASKS FOR APPROPRIATION  
FOR MISSISSIPPI RIVER

Washington, May 9.—Revolutionary  
proposals were adopted by the house  
today in considering the legislative  
executive and judicial appropriation  
bill. The measure probably will be  
formally passed tomorrow.  
It proposes: Abolition of the com-  
merce court and restoration to the in-  
terstate commerce commission of all  
railroad regulatory power, subject to  
appeal only to the district federal  
courts; the creation of a bureau of  
foreign and domestic commerce with  
the present powers of the so-called  
tariff board, to be under the jurisdic-  
tion of the secretary of commerce and  
labor; this bureau to absorb the bu-  
reau of trade relations of the state  
department and bureaus of manufac-  
tures and statistics; the concentration  
and distribution of public documents  
in the government printing office.

RIVERS AND HARBORS  
BILL PASSES SENATE

Washington, May 9.—The rivers and  
harbors appropriation bill for the Mis-  
sissippi river in the rivers and harbors  
bill, Senator Percy of Mississippi to-  
day declared the loss from the present  
floods is twice the cost of a complete  
levee system from Cairo to the gulf.  
He said the loss to the cotton crop  
alone will be fifty millions.

KNOX OPENS UP  
ON ROOSEVELT

He Says Teddy is a Man Who Would  
Break or Rule His Party to Gain the  
Seat of a Friend.

By Associated Press.  
Los Angeles, May 9.—Secretary of  
State Knox, in addressing the South-  
ern California Taft Association to-  
night, made his first political utter-  
ance since his return from Central  
America.  
He defended Taft and attacked Col.  
Roosevelt as a man "prompted by  
whims," of "imperious ambitions,  
vanities, mystery and antipathies,"  
and one "who would break or rule his  
party, his country and his own word  
to gain the seat of a friend."

OFFICER FLEES  
WITH PRISONER

Alto Griffin, Well-Known White Man  
of Union Springs, Threatened With  
Lynching.

By Associated Press.  
Montgomery, Ala., May 9.—Alto  
Griffin, a well-known white man of  
Union Springs, Ala., has just been  
placed in the Montgomery county jail  
by the sheriff of Bullock county for  
safe keeping.  
Griffin shot and killed a Mr. Davis,  
another well-known white man of  
Union Springs, this morning and citi-  
zens of the town were about to lynch  
him when the sheriff rushed his pris-  
oner aboard a Central of Georgia train  
and brought him to Montgomery.

Would Restrain Steel Trust  
From Destroying Documents

By Associated Press.  
Trenton, N. J., May 9.—The appli-  
cation in the United States district  
court here for an injunction to re-  
strain the United States Steel cor-  
poration and a number of its sub-  
sidiaries concerned from the destruc-  
tion of books and papers which might  
be used as evidence in the suit of the  
government for the dissolution of the  
steel corporation, was dismissed in a  
per curiam opinion filed this morning  
by Judges Gray, Buffington and Mc-  
Pherson, except as to the American  
Steel & Wire Company, one of the  
steel corporation's subsidiary com-  
panies.  
The opinion, after speaking of the  
application, says in part:  
"No evidence is offered that such  
destruction is threatened."  
"The motion is supported almost

wholly by the fact that after certain  
prosecution in the Southern district of  
New York came to an end a number  
of papers belonging to the Ameri-  
can Steel & Wire Company that had  
been furnished by the company to the  
government for use in such prosecu-  
tion were destroyed by one of its  
officers.

"While we are satisfied that this de-  
struction was without evil intent, the  
fact remains that the destruction did  
take place and that is the reason why,  
so far as the steel and wire company  
is concerned, the restraining order  
previously granted should be contin-  
ued."

VETERANS NAME  
GENERAL YOUNG  
AS COMMANDER

General Walker is Elected  
Honorary Commander-  
in-Chief.

PUBLIC FUNCTIONS BROUGHT TO  
A CLOSE WHEN SOLDIERS OF  
THE OLD SOUTH MARCHED IN  
REVIEW BEFORE FIFTY THOU-  
SAND VISITORS FROM ALL OVER  
DIXIE—PARADE WAS SPECTAC-  
ULAR AS WELL AS IMPRESSIVE.

WORDS OF DYING  
JUDGE REPEATED

Witnesses in Trial of Floyd Allen Say  
That Judge Massie Said Sid Allen  
Shot Him.

By Associated Press.  
Macon, Ga., May 9.—General Bennett  
H. Young, of Louisville, commander of  
the army of Tennessee, was elected  
commander-in-chief of the United  
Confederate Veterans today at Macon.  
After the withdrawal of Generals  
Walker and Van Zandt from the race  
for commander-in-chief, Gen. Young  
was unanimously elected. Gen. Walker  
was elected honorary commander-in-  
chief.

Early in the convention of the vet-  
erans this morning the sentiment for  
General Young appeared to be dominant.  
Repeatedly speakers were cheered for  
the Kentucky gentleman and after the  
nominations demands were made that  
the vote be taken. General Walker  
was nominated by General White,  
commanding the army of Virginia, and  
by General Teague, of South Carolina.  
General Young was nominated by  
General Wells, of Jackson, and by  
General Hilary, of Alabama, former member of President  
Cleveland's cabinet.

A dozen sturdy Texans put General  
Van Zandt's name before the conven-  
tion. While speeches were in pro-  
gress for the various candidates, Gen-  
eral Walker had the adjutant general  
announce that he would withdraw so  
as to promote a more friendly feeling  
as he saw that personalities were  
being involved. This announcement  
was received with great applause that  
had hardly subsided before the with-  
drawal of Gen. Van Zandt was pro-  
claimed. Numerous delegates then  
moved unanimous election of General  
Young and this specially followed.  
Upon motion of adjutant general  
Mickle, General Walker was elected  
honorary commander-in-chief.

KING GEORGE  
IN SUBMARINE

His Majesty Takes to Naval Life With  
Gusto and Spends Ten Minutes Be-  
neath the Surface.

By Associated Press.  
Weymouth, England, May 9.—King  
George, who is here seeking for himself  
the progress toward reorganization of  
the "home fleet" has again taken up  
the life of a naval officer with gusto.  
His majesty has already added another  
item to his experience in naval work,  
the engine crew might reach the  
ten minutes below the surface in one  
of the latest type of boats which car-  
ries a disappearing gun.

Members of the navy corps, which  
is the bulkhead doors opened, and  
they were not closed after the crew  
passed on their way to the pumps.  
The White Star attorney interrupted  
to say that the doors mentioned by  
Dillon could not be opened without  
being released from the bridge. The  
point was not pressed further.

BIG BATTLE IS NOW  
HOURLY EXPECTED

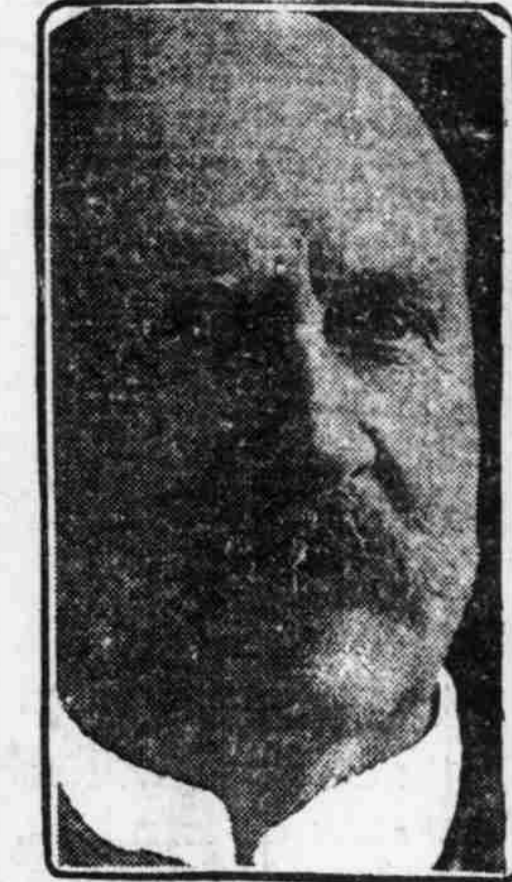
Skirmishes Between Vanguard of  
Orozco's Army and Federals Con-  
tinued Throughout the Day.

GENERAL YOUNG WAS  
"ONE OF MORGAN'S MEN"

Louisville, Ky., May 9.—Gen. Ben-  
nett H. Young, of Louisville, elected  
commander-in-chief of the United  
Confederate Veterans today at Macon,  
was "one of Morgan's men." This  
term is always served to describe in  
Kentucky those who fought during the  
civil war under the famous Confed-  
erate cavalry leader, general John H.  
Morgan, and who followed him on his  
raids into the heart of the northern  
country.

Born in 1843 in Jessamine county,  
Kentucky, in the heart of the blue-  
grass country, Bennett Young is said  
to have lived up to the proud Ken-  
tucky accomplishment and boast of  
having learned to ride before he could  
walk. Leaving college as a youth only  
18 years old, he gave up his books  
for the saber and spurs of a Confed-  
erate trooper, and with the exception  
of the time he spent in northern  
prisons, served continuously until the  
close of hostilities.

Since the war General Young has  
combined farming with the practice of  
law, as well as serving as a director  
of numerous banking, trust and in-  
surance companies. Even then he has  
found time to devote to historical re-  
search, serving as chairman of the  
historic committee of the United Con-  
federate Veterans. In this position he  
has published many original papers in  
connection with the civil war.  
General Young is by political pref-  
erence a Democrat, but has consistent-  
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MONROE DOCTRINE FOR JAPS IF THEY TRY  
TO SECURE CONTROL OF MAGDALENA BAYWORDS OF DYING  
JUDGE REPEATED

Witnesses in Trial of Floyd Allen Say  
That Judge Massie Said Sid Allen  
Shot Him.

By Associated Press.  
Wytheville, Va., May 9.—"I'm dying,  
I'm dying; Sid Allen did it." These  
words of Judge Massie as he fell mor-  
tally wounded in the pistol battle at  
the Hillsville court house were re-  
peated today in the trial of Floyd Al-  
len, one of the gang charged with the  
five murders.

Witnesses admitted the first shots  
came from where the Allens had been  
seen standing.  
Counsel for Allen began in earnest  
today to break down the evidence in-  
troduced by the commonwealth to  
show that a conspiracy existed be-  
tween the Allens to shoot up the Car-  
roll county court. It placed on the  
stand witnesses to refute the con-  
spiracy charge and to testify as to  
the good character of the younger  
members of the Allen clan.

Emmett Bolen, who was in court  
when the verdict against Floyd Allen  
was reached the morning of the trage-  
dy, said he left before sentence was  
pronounced and before the shooting  
began. He declared he had gone to a  
drug store nearby and there saw Eric  
Allen and Wesley Edwards.  
Robert Wilson, cashier of the Hills-  
ville bank, testified that Sidna Allen  
had deposited in the bank just before  
the shooting a considerable sum of  
money. This, he said, was still on  
deposit in the bank.

BRITISH INQUIRY  
HEARING EVIDENCE

Doors to Titanic's Four Water-Tight  
Bulkheads Were Opened After They  
Had Been Closed.

By Associated Press.  
London, May 9.—Doors to the Ti-  
tanic's four water-tight bulkheads  
were opened after they had been  
closed from the bridge, in order that  
the engine crew might reach the  
pumps. This statement was made in  
the British inquiry today by Thomas  
Dillon of the engineering staff.

Dillon said the chief engineer or-  
dered the bulkhead doors opened, and  
they were not closed after the crew  
passed on their way to the pumps.

The White Star attorney interrupted  
to say that the doors mentioned by  
Dillon could not be opened without  
being released from the bridge. The  
point was not pressed further.

MAY GIVE NEGROES  
COLORED BISHOP

Methodist General Conference, in Ses-  
sion at Minneapolis, Considering the  
Matter.

By Associated Press.  
Minneapolis, May 9.—Reports and  
address concerning the Woman's  
Home Mission Society and the board  
of general secretaries of the Prison  
Association of Georgia. He termed  
the whole system a mad juggernaut  
by which those who prosper who of all  
persons ought to suffer. "As at pres-  
ent administered," he said, "a police  
court is good for but two things—cash  
revenues and convict labor. The ordi-  
nary police court may be likened to a  
quack doctor dispensing a dose as dis-  
tinguished from a treatment. And the  
dose is inflicted, regardless of the of-  
fender's conditions or circumstances.

EMILIO VASQUEZ GOMEZ  
IS HELD A PRISONER

By Associated Press.  
Washington, May 9.—Emilio Vasquez  
Gomez is held a prisoner in the cus-  
tom house in Juarez, according to ad-  
vice to the state department today.  
A heavy guard has been thrown  
around the building.

The reports indicate the rebels have  
been defeated in the mountain pass at  
El Puerto del Carmen, between Mon-  
clova and Cuatrociénegas, Coahuila.

NO CHANGE IN THE  
RETURNS FROM TEXAS

By Associated Press.  
Dallas, Tex., May 9.—Texas con-  
vention returns up to noon today left  
the results, both Democratic and Repub-  
lican, exactly where they were yester-  
day. Woodrow Wilson swept the state  
and Roosevelt gained a clear lead over  
Taft, but not sufficient to insure a  
Roosevelt delegation to the national  
convention.

VOTE CANVASSSED BY  
STATE COMMITTEESTRIKE BALLOTS  
SENT TO 300,000

By Associated Press.  
Kansas, May 9.—Strike ballots  
have been sent to three thousand  
members of the Federation of Fed-  
erations, a recently formed asso-  
ciation of unions embracing five  
railway crafts, to determine wheth-  
er the men on forty-seven railroad  
in the west, south of Chicago, shall  
strike in sympathy with the men on  
the Harriman lines who are now  
out.

CANCELS CHARTER  
OF STEREOTYPERS

Men Striking on Chicago Newspapers  
Refused to Return to Work When  
Ordered.

By Associated Press.  
Chicago, May 9.—President Frel, of  
the International Stereotypers and  
Electrotypers Union and associated  
members of the executive council of  
the international union, today can-  
celled the charter of local union  
whose members went on a strike on  
local newspapers, because the men re-  
fused to return to work after being  
ordered to do so by Frel. The order  
also cancelled all traveling cards of  
members.

LABOR LEADER IS  
GIVEN SIX MONTHS

Was Convicted of Attempting to In-  
fluence British Soldiers From Duty  
During Coal Strike.

By Associated Press.  
Manchester, Eng., May 9.—Convicted  
of having attempted to influence Brit-  
ish soldiers from their duty, Tom  
Mann, a labor leader, was sentenced to  
six months in prison today. Mann was  
arrested last March after he had de-  
livered a speech for striking coal  
miners at Sanford.

To the court Mann argued that he  
didn't influence the soldiers as sol-  
diers, because when they were acting  
under the civil law they were only  
citizens. The court ignored the argu-  
ment.

TROUBLE BREWING  
AT MINERSVILLE

Foreign Miners, Embittered by Death  
of One of Their Number, Purchase  
Firearms.

By Associated Press.  
Philadelphia, Pa., May 9.—The feel-  
ing of bitterness engendered among  
the foreign miners at Minersville  
when three were shot by the state police  
was intensified today when one of the  
 trio died.

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ment.

OVER DOZEN 'QUAKE  
SHOCKS ARE FELT

Adobe Houses at Kuadajalara, Mex.,  
Are Damaged and Some Fatalities  
Are Rumored.

By Associated Press.  
Guadalajara, Mex., May 9.—(delayed  
in transmission.)—More than a dozen  
earthquakes were felt here from 6:30  
this morning up to 5:50 o'clock this  
evening.

The last shock was the most severe  
and some adobe houses were damaged.  
No injuries to people have been report-  
ed. There is an unconfirmed rumor  
that there were some fatalities at  
Tepec.

BIG GOLF TOURNAMENT  
IS ON IN BIRMINGHAM

By Associated Press.  
Birmingham, Ala., May 9.—Golfers  
from several southern states, including  
Louisiana, Tennessee and Georgia,  
this morning began play on the qualify-  
ing rounds, 18 holes medal play, in an  
invitation tournament at the Coun-  
ty Club of Birmingham. Upwards of 100  
golfers are present and the tourna-  
ment continues until Saturday. A big  
dinner and music will be the culmi-  
nation of the tournament.

THOSE PROSPER WHO OUGHT TO  
SUFFER UNDER PRESENT SYSTEM

By Associated Press.  
Nashville, Tenn., May 9.—The police  
court system was severely arraigned  
today before the Southern Sociological  
Congress by Philip Welter, of At-  
lanta, general secretary of the Prison  
Association of Georgia. He termed  
the whole system a mad juggernaut  
by which those who prosper who of all  
persons ought to suffer. "As at pres-  
ent administered," he said, "a police  
court is good for but two things—cash  
revenues and convict labor. The ordi-  
nary police court may be likened to a  
quack doctor dispensing a dose as dis-  
tinguished from a treatment. And the  
dose is inflicted, regardless of the of-  
fender's conditions or circumstances.

Prison reform was the subject here  
before the congress and Mr. Welter  
treated the police court as the basis  
of his message.

The indeterminate sentence and the  
probation system was the sub-  
ject of Prof. C. S. Potts, of the Uni-  
versity of Texas. The indeterminate  
sentence theory, he said, based in-  
carceration on an entirely different  
ground from the present doctrine that  
the amount of guilt connected with  
a crime could be determined and  
suitable penalty attached.